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ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT ATTORNEY AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORT WEEKLY RESULTS OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney James G. Martin and St. Louis Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

JESSE T. GALVIN, 29, of the 1400 block of Angelica, was found guilty of robbery in the first degree and armed criminal action on May 25, 2005. Galvin faces a sentence of ten years to life incarceration when he sentenced on July 14, 2004 by Judge Timothy Wilson.

AVERY WILLIAMS, 19, of the 4000 block of Mcree, was sentenced to serve fifteen years in the Missouri Department of Corrections on five counts of robbery first degree. Williams was further sentenced to serve twenty five years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for five counts of armed criminal action. Judge Timothy Wilson imposed the sentences on June 9, 2005.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

CHARLES HUTSON, 30, of the 3000 block of Miami, St. Louis, 63118, was sentenced to 24 months in prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

STERLING FINNEY, 43, of the 2100 block of Fairhaven, St. Louis, 63136, was sentenced to 84 months in prison on one felony count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, one felony count of possession with intent to distribute heroin and one felony count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

SANCHEZ E. SMOTHERMAN, 30, of the 10,000 block of Neville Walk, St. Louis, 63136, was indicted by a federal grand jury on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. If convicted, Smotherman faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000.

The charges set forth in an indictment are merely accusations, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.